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In reply refer to:

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Attention:

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Subject: Contract
Overrun on Task Orders 7 and 8 (Uncl.)

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Gentlemen:

has reviewed the remaining work to be performed under the subject Task Orders; it is anticipated that additional funds, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, are required to complete these Tasks. Factors contributing to this overrun condition are contained in Exhibits "B" and "C".

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It is requested that the Delivery Schedule for Task Order No. 8, in accordance with verbal authorization of your technical representative, be amended as follows: 1 August 1959 for Base Station and 15 August 1959 for Field Unit. It is requested further, that the completion schedule for Task Order No. 7 be advanced to 1 July 1959.

All available contractual funds under Task Order No. 7 were expended approximately 15 March 1959 and under Task Order No. 8, approximately 1 May 1959.

Accordingly, it is requested that the subject Task Orders be amended as soon as possible to incorporate the additional funds required as set forth in Exhibit "A".

Very truly yours,

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EXHIBIT "A"

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ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE TASK NO. 7

ESTIMATED COST SUMMARY

Actual Cost As of March 15, 1959

Estimated Cost to Complete

Total Estimated Cost

Cost on Contract

Total Estimated Overrun

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TASK 7 OVERRUN

At the time Contractor submitted his proposal for supplemental work under Task Order No. 7, agreement had been reached between representatives of the Government and [] regarding work of an extremely urgent nature. Included in the proposed work was re-work of six [] refurbishing of the [] base station and certain other work such as travel and training.

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The first two [] were to be delivered by 25 December and the four other units at a rate of one every two weeks. The schedule and estimated costs proved to be incompatible. In order to meet the recognized urgent schedule it was necessary to use overtime hours and second shift labor in unanticipated amounts.

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In addition, vendor furnished items were purchased with rapid delivery as a first consideration and cost only secondary. Thus, in many cases, items were procured at premium rates.

Although the estimated costs were considerably exceeded, the Contractor met the required delivery dates in a fully satisfactory manner at the risk of overrun which appears completely justifiable in view of the Government operational requirements.

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TASK 8 OVERRUN

Task Order No. 8 of Contract No. [] required the design and construction of Base Station equipment consisting of Interrogate and Receive Terminals, in addition to two Field Units. During the course of this development, the expenditure on material and subcontracting exceeded that originally planned, whereas expenditures on labor have been approximately as estimated.

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The accumulated overruns by two subcontractors, [] alone account for approximately [] furthermore, one other subcontractor failed to delivery components whose quality was up to operational standards, thereby necessitating additional unplanned development work.

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Labor and material necessary for setting up two complete and different sets of operating frequencies was also unscheduled at the outset of the contract.

Certain high quality non-standard sub-miniature components were procured, using multiple sources, and were type tested for the best available quality. This technique was found to be necessary as an expedient for obtaining the required high quality in the short development time.

Examples of minor contributing factors not included in the proposed work include construction of additional cabinets, construction of mock-ups, and one and one-half week's cooperation with other of your contractors.

Contractor has made considerable progress in completing the balance of the work to be done, and the estimated funding required for completion is approximately equal to the above mentioned unplanned expenditures.

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